

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

December 28, 2016

This is a regular meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee. The notice requirements of the law have been satisfied for this meeting by notice to the Star-Gazette and the Express Times of the time, date and location thereof. Notice was also posted on the announcement board located in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mr. Hayes, Mayor Kocher

Salute to the flag was done by all.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Misertino made a motion to approve the passage of the minutes from the Special meeting held on December 6, 2016, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Hayes, Mayor Kocher

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Mr. Clancy

Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 14, 2016, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Hayes, Mayor Kocher

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Mr. Clancy

BILL LIST:

Mr. Watters asked what the cost was for the Boiler Repair at the DPW building.

Ms. Hrebenak stated that the Boiler at the old DPW garage was not running.

Mr. Watters stated that there is only a filter on the bill.

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the Bill List, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mr. Hayes, Mayor Kocher

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

CLERKS REPORT:

Ms. Hrebenak stated that she had nothing to report.

FINANCE REPORT:

Mr. Daniel explained the bill list that can be provided by Edmunds. They are currently working with Edmunds to see if this is something that can be changed to accommodate us.

Mr. Daniel stated that we are closing out the year in First byte and next year the reports going to Mr. Ferry will be Edmunds.

Mr. Daniel stated that he would like to begin to schedule budget meetings.

EMPLOYEES REPORTS:

Mrs. Fascenelli stated that she had nothing to report.

Betsy Griggs, Chair for the Economic Development Council, stated that she had said at the November meeting she would be attending the Warren County Economic Development Committee meeting in December. First Initiative will be best practices and model zoning ordinances. Second Initiative will be protocol for handling the Land Use planning and Economic Development.

Ms. Griggs stated that there was interest to hold a joint meeting held on March 13, 2017 between Mansfield and Warren County Economic Development Committee.

Ms. Griggs thanked Mayor Kocher for her help and support to get the Economic Development Council restarted.

Mr. Misertino asked who was the County Representative for the best practices and model Zoning ordinances.

Ms. Griggs stated that currently they are Linda Stetler and David Dech.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Mr. Finelli stated that Airport Road Estates developer is looking to move forward with dedication to the Township. Mr. Finelli indicated that the required paperwork just arrived at his office yesterday. Mr. Finelli stated that there may be a basin that needs to be retrofitted.

Mr. Finelli stated that in November he had asked if the Township Committee would like to resubmit the grants that were submitted last year and he wanted to see if the Township Committee would like to move forward with submitting the applications.

Mr. Hayes asked if this is the Watters Road project.

Mr. Finelli stated that is a previous year grant and needs to be put out to bid by April.

Mayor Kocher asked how we are doing as far as the request from the Township Committee in reference to the additional work for the Airport Road Estates.

Mr. Finelli stated that the work that was requested was discussed with the previous DPW Supervisor and the DPW can install the island at the end of the road in the Township's right of way.

PRESENTATION: John General

Mayor Kocher presented John General commended John General for his efforts on the Extra 1104 project.

2016-109

WHEREAS, on June 16, 1925 one of the worst train accidents in Warren County occurred in the Township of Mansfield; and

WHEREAS, a locomotive of approximately 200 passengers that was headed from Chicago, Illinois to Hoboken, New Jersey where they would board a ship bound for Europe; and

WHEREAS, there was a terrible storm that caused dirt and gravel to be washed off of the steep hill on Hazen Road into the Rockport Crossing; and

WHEREAS, as the locomotive approached the Rockport Crossing the dirt and gravel caused the Engine Car to derail; and

WHEREAS, the cars following the Engine Car came to an abrupt stop with the first car at rest on the locomotives boiler; and

WHEREAS, the crash caused valves and steam fittings to be damaged which caused steam to flow into the broken windows of the cars, severely scolding the passengers; and

WHEREAS, approximately fifty people lost their lives in this devastating event; and

WHEREAS, a Township Resident and Film Maker, John General, commemorated this event through a documentary, Extra 1104 which was premiered at the Township Municipal Building on August 29, 2016 with three showings; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 28th day of December 2016, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The Mayor and Township Committee recognize the time, effort, and skill required to compose a documentary of this magnitude to preserve the memory of the lives lost through this Historical Event that occurred in Mansfield.
2. A copy of this Resolution shall be included in the official minutes of the Township of Mansfield in recognition of John General for his efforts to preserve the history of the Township.

Mr. Misertino made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2016-109, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mr. Hayes, Mayor Kocher
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

RESOLUTION:

**RESOLUTION # 2016 –106
REFUND OF RECREATION REGISTRATION**

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, Rebecca Hagens paid \$ 85.00 via credit card on 7/5/16 for (1) child to participate in football with the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren,

WHEREAS, the child did not participate in the football program,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to refund the amount of \$ 85.00 to Rebecca Hagens.

Mr. Misertino made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2016-106, which was seconded by Mr. Clancy.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mr. Hayes, Mayor Kocher
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

RESOLUTION # 2016- 107

A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATION BALANCE

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the following Current Fund budget balance remains unexpended:

Construction and Inspection Fees OE	\$ 93,000.00
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WHEREAS, this appropriation has been investigated and it has been determined that this balance is not needed for any 2016 expenses and should be cancelled; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balance so that the unexpended balance may be a credit to surplus.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, that the above listed unexpended balance of the Current Fund be cancelled.

Mr. Misertino made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2016-107, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mr. Hayes, Mayor Kocher
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

RESOLUTION # 2016 –108
RESOLUTION TO CANCEL CERTAIN BALANCES FROM THE 2016 CURRENT FUND AND TRANSFER INTO THE
ACCUMULATED ABSENCES TRUST FUND

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, there exists a balance in the accrued sick leave 2016 current fund; and

WHEREAS, the fund creating this balance has been investigated and it has been determined that this fund is no longer needed and should be cancelled;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey is by this Resolution authorized and directed to cancel the 2016 balance for accrued sick leave and transfer \$ 3,670.00 into the Accumulated Absences Trust Fund.

Mr. Misertino made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2016-108, which was seconded by Mr. Clancy.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mr. Hayes, Mayor Kocher
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

PUBLIC PORTION:

Betsy Griggs asked about the Ordinance for the change for the Economic Development Council.

Ms. Hrebenak stated that the Ordinance will be presented for a first reading at the first meeting in January.

Ms. Griggs asked where we are with the Salt shed.

Mayor Kocher explained that the Crack sealing and pavement wedges have been completed and the caulking is being completed.

Mrs. Thompson asked Mr. Finelli if Constellation Solar is up and running.

Mr. Finelli stated that they have not completed all of their final items but they are very close.

Mrs. Thompson asked if there was a requirement for a gate on the Route 57 side because she believe there is supposed to be one.

Ms. Griggs thanked Mr. Clancy for all his service to the Township.

Mr. Dennis McKeivitt, Blau Road, stated that he has concerns regarding 445 Watters Road. There was a pole barn that was put up in 2014 and that it has been being used without a Certificate of Occupancy for the building.

Mr. Clancy made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:21pm, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mr. Hayes, Mayor Kocher

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Return from Executive Session 9:35pm.

Mr. Watters made a motion for the Mayor to sign the Shared service contract with Washington Township, Morris County, which was seconded by Mr. Clancy.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mr. Hayes, Mayor Kocher

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Mr. Hayes made a motion to hire Patrick Wood as the Certified Public Works Supervisor, which was seconded by Mr. Misertino.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mr. Hayes, Mayor Kocher

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Mr. Misertino made a motion to send letter for Salt shed, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mr. Hayes, Mayor Kocher

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

COMMITTEE PERSON COMMENTS:

Mr. Watters stated that there are a number of questions that need to be answered in reference to the boiler.

Mr. Hayes thanked Mr. Clancy for his service.

Mayor Kocher thanked Mr. Clancy for the time that he invested in Mansfield.

Mr. Hayes made a motion to adjourn at 9:38pm, which was seconded by Mr. Misertino.